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## Solar Grant Heats Up Humanitarian Shower Program

Tucson, AZ – February 25, 2010 – Southside Presbyterian has received a new solar hot water system through Technicians For Sustainability's (TFS) solar grant program. The solar hot water system, which is valued at \$15,000, enhances the organizations commitment to environmental sustainability, green building, and renewable energy. Selffunded through a percentage of their annual profits, TFS's innovative solar grant program awards 501c(3) nonprofits serving the greater Tucson area, whose missions reflect values of positive social and environmental change.

Technicians for Sustainability was proud to be able to donate a solar hot water heater for Southside's Shower Program. This humanitarian program provides a host of services to individuals in need including: a hot shower, shave, a warm meal, and a place to wash and receive clothing. Furthermore, the Shower Program is the main contributor to their on-site compost bins.

"We're excited and honored to be the recipient of the solar hot water system," said Anne Gooden, a spokesperson for Southside Presbyterian. "Our shower program was one of our biggest uses of electricity. Installing this solar hot water system for our Shower Program helps us achieve our goal of fostering a more sustainable community. Not only do we improve our own energy practices, it helps us continue to educate members of our church and the greater community."

At a time when many organizations are struggling economically, Southside's new solar hot water system will help control energy consumption, reduce operational costs, and protect against future rate increases. Technicians for Sustainability awarded the full grant to Southside Presbyterian because of its extensive work in support of sustainability and the disenfranchised members of the Tucson community. We are proud to support the efforts of Southside Presbyterian. This organization is a great example of a local organization that is 'practicing what they preach,' by caring not only for the planet but the people who live in their community.

The project will be celebrated on March 10, 2010 starting at 4:30pm at Southside Presbyterian located at 317 West 23rd Street, in Tucson. The event will be attended by representatives from Congressman Grijalva's office and Congresswoman Giffords' office, Council member Fimbres, a representative from TEP and the City of Tucson. For more information please contact TFS's community outreach coordinator Aimee King at <a href="mailto:aimee@tfssolar.com">aimee@tfssolar.com</a>.



## About Technicians For Sustainability

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